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Two Baltimore men charged in Ellicott City bank robbery

Howard County police have charged two Baltimore men in the Aug. 4 armed robbery of the Howard County Education Federal Credit Union in Ellicott City.

Markus E. Fields, 27 and Timothy A. McNeal, 30, both of Font Hill Avenue in Baltimore, have been charged with robbery, armed robbery, first- and second-degree assault, theft and the use of a firearm in a felony.

Last month, the pair, armed with guns, entered the bank in the 3400 block of Ellicott Center Drive, approached employees and demanded money. The employees complied and then were forced to the ground by the suspects and bound with zip ties. The suspects fled with cash. No one was seriously injured.

Through investigation, police developed Fields and McNeal as suspects. Officers served a search warrant at their home and found items of evidentiary value, including banded money and clothing that matched the suspects' clothes at the time of the robbery. They were both at home when the warrant was served and taken into custody. The relationship between the two is unconfirmed.

Both suspects are being held at the Howard County Detention Center. Fields is being held on \$250,000 bond and McNeal is being held without bond.

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